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SUBJECT: COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GARE ON
RESERVED U.S. GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE CLAIMS

REFS: (A) CAIRO 17615 (B) STATE 249791

1. DATE PROPOSED IN REFTTEL (A) FOR COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GARE AFTER END FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER (PRESUMABLY AFTER DECEMBER 10) IS CONVENIENT AND ACCEPTABLE. HUANG PLANS ARRIVE CAIRO DECEMBER 2 (FRIDAY) AND DEPART CAIRO ABOUT JANUARY 3, 1978. DETAILS OF HUANG'S ARRIVAL WILL BE SENT LATER.
2. BEFORE MEETING WITH MINSTATE MOHAMED RIAD AND LEGAL COUNSELOR NABIL EL ARABY, HUANG PROPOSES TAKE A NUMBER OF PREPARATORY STEPS, SUBJECT TO EMBASSY'S APPROVAL. FIRST,
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HUANG PLANS VISIT ALEXANDRIA AND PORT SAID TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF CONDITION OF USIA BUILDING IN ALEXANDRIA AND CONSULATE BUILDING IN PORT SAID IN ORDER TO HAVE BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE WHICH OCCURRED IN 1967 FOR WHICH GARE IS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE, AS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM USG PROPOSED ADDITIONS AND EXPANSIONS TO THE USIA LIBRARY BUILDING AND WAR DAMAGE TO THE CONSULATE

BUILDING FOR WHICH GARE IS NOT LEGALLY LIABLE. HUANG WOULD

ALSO LIKE TO HAVE ACCESS AVAILABLE ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AND ENGINEERING BLUEPRINTS AND ASSISTANCE OF ARCHITECT METCALF AND EMBASSY ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR REHABILITATION OF THE BUILDINGS. RESULTS OF THESE PRELIMINARY STEPS WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE DOCUMENTATION OF THESE TWO CLAIMS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE GARE.

3. ATTORNEY FOR TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY OF NEW YORK FOR SS BRIDGEHAMPTON INFORMS DEPARTMENT THAT THE NUMEROUS CLAIMS REGARDING THAT VESSEL REMAIN UNRESOLVED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE PRIVATE CLAIMS AGREEMENT. HUANG PLANS CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY BESTAWROS OF ALEXANDRIA FOR UP-TO-DATE STATUS REPORT BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GARE.

4. DURING STAY IN CAIRO, IN ADDITION TO THE CONTEMPLATED NEGOTIATIONS ON RESERVED U.S. CLAIMS, HUANG PLANS CONSULTATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1976 PRIVATE CLAIMS AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THAT AGREEMENT. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ALERTING THE EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED AND AT APPROPRIATE TIME MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR HUANG TO MEET PARTICULARLY WITH: (A) DR. DEWIDAR, (B) MR. SAAD AOUF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE GENERAL SEQUESTRATION, (C) OFFICIALS OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM AUTHORITY, AND (D) OFFICIALS OF THE CENTRAL OR NATIONAL BANK OF EGYPT RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING BLOCKED NONRESIDENT U.S. BANK ACCOUNTS REGARDING PARTICULAR CLAIMS AND STATUS OF BLOCKED BANK ACCOUNTS.

5. IN THE COURSE OF HIS SOJOURN IN CAIRO, IF AN OPPORTUNITY OCCURS, HUANG PLANS ALSO VISIT DAMASCUS FOR A FEW DAYS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH EMBASSY ON SYRIAN CLAIMS. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE AFTER ARRIVAL IN CAIRO AND ASSESSMENT OF TIME AVAILABLE. EMBASSY DAMASCUS PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER IT HAS ANY OBJECTION.

6. WHILE IT IS APPRECIATED THAT HOUSING PROBLEM IN CAIRO IS ACUTE, HUANG STILL HOPES THAT AS FIRST CHOICE AN EMBASSY GUEST HOUSE OR TDY APARTMENT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE AND APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S BEST EFFORTS. VANCE

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